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FOR THERMOFORMABLE MATERIAL")

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Sir:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A thermoforming apparatus comprising:
- a thermoforming machine [(10)] fitted with at least one female die [(12)] and counter-die [(13)] reciprocally approachable and removable for the operations of closing, thermoforming and opening;
- a feeder for feeding thermoforming material between each female die [(12)] and counter-die [(13)]; cutting means for cutting thermoforming material; a treatment station for articles (15) thermoformed];
- extraction pick-up means [(16) withdrawing] adapted to withdraw a thermoformed article from the female die and to transfer it to a receiving conveying template [(12), wherein said extraction pick-up means comprises a head (16)

arranged to be sequentially inserted between each female die (12) and counter-die

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